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SUBJ: COMMENTS ON SOUTH AFRICAN FOREIGN POLICY BY SECRETARY

FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS BRAND FOURIE

REF: PRETORIA 3248

1. DURING LUNCH HOSTED BY DR. ROUX, PRESIDENT OF SOUTH AFRICAN ATOMIC ENERGY BOARD, AND BRAND FOURIE, SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, FOR ERDA REPS MESSRS THORNE AND HUDGINS ON 23 AUGUST (NO EMBOFF PRESENT), FOURIE STATED THAT AT PRESENT FOUR MOST PRESSING PROBLEMS FOR SOUTH AFRICA IN AREA OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ARE SETTLEMENT IN RHODESIA, BRING SOUTH WEST AFRICA (SWA) TO INDEPENDENCE, SIGNING OF NPT AND SOLVING PORTUGUESE REFUGEE PROBLEM RESULTING FROM FIGHTING IN ANGOLA. HE REGARDED SETTLEMENT IN RHODESIA AS HAVING HIGHEST PRIORITY AND OF MOST IMPORTANCE TO SOUTH AFRICA. HE SAID THAT SAG CURRENTLY DOING EVERYTHING IT CAN TO SEE THAT A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT IS CONFIDENTIAL

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REACHED BETWEEN RHODESIAN PRIME MINISTER IAN SMITH AND ANC.

2. ON SWA, FOURIE STATED THAT SAG PLANNED TO GRANT INDEPENDENCE IN ABOUT SIX YEARS. HE ADDED THAT IF ALL WENT WELL, INDEPENDENCE COULD COME IN FIVE YEARS, BUT COULD TAKE SEVEN YEARS IF IT DID NOT. HE SAID SAG WILL NEGOTIATE ONLY WITH "FRANCHISED" GROUPS IN SWA AND DEFINED "FRANCHISED" GROUPS AS THOSE WHICH HAD AN EDUCATED LEADERSHIP, SUPPORT OF PEOPLE THEY REPRESENT, ABILITY TO HANDLE MONEY, HAD FINANCIAL BACKING AND ABILITY TO HANDLE ADMINISTRATION OF RESOURCES. HE COMMENTED THAT BIGGEST PROBLEM

FACING SAG IN SWA NOW IS EDUCATION OF VARIOUS GROUPS SO THEY CAN BECOME "FRANCHISED." FOURIE SAID THAT AT PRESENT "ONE-MAN, ONE" VOTE IS NOT BEING CONSIDERED. ONCE GROUP "FRANCHISED", SAG WOULD THEN NEGOTIATE INDEPENDENCE.

COMMENT: IT WAS NOT CLEAR WHETHER SAG WOULD NEGOTIATE SETTLEMENT WITH EACH IN TURN OR ALL AT ONCE. MESSRS. THORNE AND HUDGINS GOT IMPRESSION THAT FORM OF GOVERNMENT WOULD BE SOME SORT OF FEDERATION. FOURIE'S DESCRIPTION OF

HOW SAG WOULD LIKE TO SEE

NAMIBIANINDEPENDENCE UNFOLD IS FIRST TIME HIGH SAG OFFICIAL HAS BEEN THIS FORTHCOMING.

IT IS CONSISTENT WITH THRUST OF SAG EFFORTS BEHIND CONFERENCE OF ETHNIC GROUPINGS DUE TO OPENON SEPT 1. IT PRESENTS OBVIOUS PROBLEMS IN TERMS OF UN EXPECTATIONS AND POSITION TAKEN BY US, FRANCE, AND UK IN TRIPARTITE DEMARCHE.

3. FOURIE'S COMMENTS ON NPT CONTAINED IN REFTEL. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT SAG CURRENTLY PAYING OUT APPROXIMATELY ONE BILLION U.S. DOLLARS PER YEAR FOR OIL COMPARED TO ABOUT 300 MILLION U.S. DOLLARS PER YEAR TWO YEARS AGO. FOR THIS REASON SAG WANTS TO REDUCE ITS USE OF OIL BY USING NUCLEAR POWER.

4. FOURIE CONSIDERED THE PORTUGUESE REFUGEE PROBLEM TO BE SHORT TERM ONLY. ONCE REFUGEES FROM ANGOLA REPATRIATED TO PORTUGAL OR ONCE FIGHTING IN ANGOLA SETTLED, PROBLEM WOULD BE SOLVED.  
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